Dear Jim, McGovern/CIA investigation resultion 11/28/74

By previous arrangement, I suppose that call sponsored by Baker's story on IV, a young staffer named Conway from McGovern's office spent yesterday morning and early afternoon here. Expecting calls, I gave him a IV opened to the transcript to read when I had to answer them. He found it fascinating.

It is his, so I presume perhaps also the official wisdom of his office, that today enough Senators are concerned over Chile to make some kind of inquiry possible. All things considered, although he may be low in the chain, I decided to be quite candid with him and was, including on the probabilities once the effort was launched.

I also suggested some background reading and in confidence updated him on what I have in The Unimpeachment that is relevant. It was all new to him. I mean all, not just the contents of the incomplete book. Just general ideas after enough time in the military to make captain. Nice fellow, though.

I missed a recent forum on the CIA. He had not. Braden still gung ho! in CIA's defense, he says. So I thought it appropriate to give him what I could recall of a long list of those close enough to McGovern with CIA pasts. He was surprised. And took notes.

He works for Holum, legislative assisstant.

What I sought to emphasize is the need for brass balls if his man does more than introduce still another motion. What he can expect to face, etc. In response he told me that by the end of the campaign the staff had the impression that they had been thoroughly penetrated by all the spook agencies. They felt they had identified a number of workers with specific agencies by the time it was over. They encapsulate this as unprofessionalism on their part, still another kind of naivete, I think. Would have happend with 100% from the party machine with any kind of past-center prigram espousal.

To cue him in on what he faces I told him that McG had offered such a resolution in 1965 and that by the time I got to the office I could see nobody on it.

However, he has been assigned to this, so I suppose from that and the interest he displayed here he'll read at least the transcript in IV (I tried to get him to see what understanding he could get from the FOI experience) and report to the LA, who may or may not go higher with it.

Jerry, by the way, has updated his card and will update you/us.

I referred Conway to some unpublished labor union/CIA papers done decade ago by a now professor who has not published, then doctoral candidate Henry Berger. More than decade, at Madison. He was unaware aFL-CIO role in CIA jobs.

HW 11/28/74